



# LP® SmartSide® Installation Quick Tips

Here are some quick tips to help you when installing LP SmartSide.

- 1. Spacing & Gapping** — Always space 3/16ths at butt joints and trim. It usually closes up in 30-90 days once it acclimates. A 16 ft. board will expand 3/16th, an 8 ft. board will expand half. Installer discretion once practiced at applying product
- 2. Nailing/Fastenings** — Nail in Studs. Nail no less than 3/4 in. from top of board. One in overlap minimum. Using a 2 1/8th ring shank or finish nail is acceptable.
- 3. Trim** — Nail flush to board. Ideally every 2 ft. or two nails on bottom, and alternate (offset) nails every 12 inches. Many installers go every 8-10 in. That is not necessary, and actually, is counterproductive in a couple ways. One, you are wasting nails, and two, it gives the board more opportunities to have water penetrate and fail. Every two feet is plenty.
- 4. Caulk/Flash**— Must use a minimum class 25 sealant. Flash all butt joints. Flash all Horizontal Trim with slight slope (not 90 degree) drip edge. Keep 6 in. from grade. Keep 1 in. from masonry and roofing with zero contact.
- 5. Seal cut edges** with a primer or a paint with primer in it. Remember, you want factory edges at the butt joints. And with SmartSide (unlike cement board) you can flip the board around to allow this. There is no nail flange line, like competitors have.



## Here's what you can look forward to with LP SmartSide from Lumbermen's:

- Impact Resistance
- Realistic Woodgrain Texture
- Time Tested on Millions of Homes
- Easy Installation
- Fewer Seams
- And More!

Always call it engineered wood if someone tries to call it OSB!

Don't forget the Lumbermen's ColorFusion line is also available in 24 colors to create a custom look.

